

29 May 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Earman

SUBJECT: Dissemination on CINCUSARPAC Action Cable to CIA

1. Reference is made to the memorandum for the record of 14 May 1963 and attachments prepared by the Liaison Staff of OCR and forwarded to this office concerning the above subject.

25X1 2. I had a long talk with [] on this matter and found that nowhere in [] records was there any indication that NPIC or anyone else had ever officially informed the Cable Secretariat who in the Agency might be interested in traffic bearing the BRASS KNOB cryptonym. After considerable checking 25X1 [] ascertained that the Cable Secretariat had once seen a cable referring to BRASS KNOB and from the contents of the cable had concluded that the cryptonym dealt with Cuba and had something to do with overflights of Cuba. Based on this somewhat sketchy information the Cable Secretariat disseminated the three CINCUSARPAC messages in question to OCI, ONE, OSI, DD/P, [] OEL, and FID. No 25X1 action was assigned by the Cable Secretariat to any of the above listed offices since this has always been the practice in disseminations on non-CIA cables.

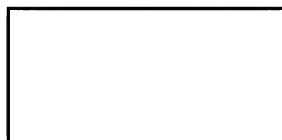
25X1 3. [] explained that the Cable Secretariat disseminates thousands of non-CIA cables to various components in the Agency having interest in the contents thereof, but it is impossible in the Cable Secretariat to determine, most of the time, whether or not any action is required by anyone in CIA. With non-CIA traffic, the Cable Secretariat can only hope that the component which has an obligation to take action in conjunction with a non-CIA cable will do so.

4. In the instant case, it would seem to me that [] DDP, having 25X1 action responsibility for Cuba, should have either brought the CINCUSARPAC cables to the attention of NPIC or contacted [] 25X1 and asked the Cable Secretariat to put NPIC on distribution for these particular messages. However, [] feels, after thoroughly 25X1 checking into this matter, that he and the Cable Secretariat should assume responsibility for not having disseminated the messages to NPIC. He admits that the NPIC interest was extremely obscure to the Cable Secretariat based on the very fragmentary information available to them concerning BRASS KNOB. Nevertheless, he wishes to assume

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full responsibility for not having made the dissemination to NPIC. Accordingly, [REDACTED] suggests that a note of regret be sent to ACS/I and CINCUSARPAC for our failure to take action on the CINCUSARPAC request. He is reluctant, however, to take the further step of pointing out to ACS/I that the military commands should more appropriately request action of CIA through the appropriate Chief of Station or the OCR Liaison Staff. [REDACTED] feels that this might reflect an undesirable image of CIA as not being able to take action on messages sent directly to the Agency. Personally, I am inclined to disagree with [REDACTED] as I believe that a carefully and properly couched memorandum expressing regret and pointing out to ACS/I and CINCUSARPAC the proper channels for future use is entirely in order.

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5. If you will let me know how you would like to handle this I will be glad to draft for your approval a proposed memorandum for OCR to forward to ACS/I.



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Jean: would like this filed
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EW **NOTED** 11/20/63
EJA (note 19 Nov P.S.)

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Remarks: I still think OCR should write to Department of Army - and I still think we should ask field commands not to address CIA directly. <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 100px;">/s/ EJA 6/3/63</div> 19 Nov 63: When I talked to Paul Borel on this per JSE instructions he first had Chuck Briggs draft a proposed letter to CINCUSARPAC. After we both massaged this draft a bit, Paul Borel took the position that any letter would be non-productive and probably worse than no letter at all. After further discussion and checking with JSE, it was agreed that no letter would be sent. FMC		
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Remarks:

I suggest that take this up with

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The trouble is that CINCUSARPAC should never have addressed the teletype to CIA in the first place. I think we should ask OCR to write a letter to the Department of Army regretting the delay in our response, ⁸⁰¹ requesting the Department of Army to advise CINCUSARPAC in the future not to address messages direct to CIA in Washington, by telling them that problems such as this should be taken up either through

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Remarks:

Forwarded per our telecon this date.

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(From 1. to 2 & 3) I picked this up from the Liaison Staff of OCR. Would you want me to have a chat with [Redacted] on it - or would you prefer to bring the matter to Kirk's attention for whatever action he might deem appropriate.

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Chief, LS/CR, 2E49 Hqs [Redacted]	14 May 63